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CHAPTER II

Preliminary Classification:

Proposed Class:

Subclass:

TRANSMITTAL LETTER  
TO THE UNITED STATES ELECTED OFFICE (EO/US)  
(ENTRY INTO U.S. NATIONAL PHASE UNDER CHAPTER II)

PCT/US99/23275	06 October 1999 (6.10.99)	07 October 1998 (7.10.98)
International Application Number	International Filing Date	International Earliest Priority Date

TITLE OF INVENTION: COMPUTER ASSISTED IDENTIFICATION OF  
FILAMENTOUS BACTERIA

APPLICANT: STOVER & ASSOCIATES, INC.

Box PCT  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington D.C. 20231  
ATTENTION: EO/US

1. Applicant herewith submits to the United States Elected Office (EO/US) the following items under 35 U.S.C. Section 371:

- a. This express request to immediately begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. Section 371(f)).
- b. The U.S. National Fee (35 U.S.C. Section 371(c)(1)) and other fees (37 C.F.R. Section 1.492) as indicated below:

## 2. Fees

## Applicant claims small entity status.

CLAIMS FEE*	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
BASIC FEE	TOTAL CLAIMS	17 - 20 =	0	x \$18.00 =	\$0.00
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2 - 3 =	0	x \$80.00 =	\$0.00
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) + \$270.00				\$0.00
	U.S. PTO WAS INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION AUTHORITY Where an International preliminary examination fee as set forth in Section 1.482 has been paid on the international application to the U.S. PTO: and the above requirements are not met (37 C.F.R. Section 1.492(a)(1)) ..... \$690.00				\$690.00
SMALL ENTITY	Total of above Calculations				= \$690.00
	Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. Affidavit must be filed. (note 37 CFR Sections 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)				- \$345.00
	Subtotal				\$345.00
	Total National Fee				\$345.00
	Fee for recording the enclosed assignment document \$40.00 (37 C.F.R. Section 1.21(h)). See attached "ASSIGNMENT COVER SHEET".				\$0.00
TOTAL	Total Fees enclosed				\$345.00

A check in the amount of \$345.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.

3. A copy of the International application as filed (35 U.S.C. Section 371(c)(2)) has been transmitted by the International Bureau.

Date of mailing of the application (from form PCT/IB/308): 13 April 2000

4. A translation of the International application into the English language (35 U.S.C. Section 371(c)(2)) is not required as the application was filed in English.

5. Amendments to the claims of the International application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. Section 371(c)(3)) have not been transmitted. The time limit for the submission of amendments has not yet expired. The amendments or a statement that amendments have not been made will be transmitted before the expiration of the time limit under PCT Rule 46.1.

6. A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (38 U.S.C. Section 371(c)(3)) has not been transmitted for reasons indicated in section 5.

7. A copy of the international examination report (PCT/IPEA/409) is not required as the application was filed with the United States Receiving Office.

8. Annex(es) to the international preliminary examination report is/are not required as the application was filed with the United States Receiving Office.

9. A translation of the annexes to the international preliminary examination report is not required as the annexes are in the English language.

10. An unsigned declaration of the inventors (35 U.S.C. Section 371(c)(4)) complying with 35 U.S.C. Section 115 is submitted herewith.

A Power of Attorney will follow.

An Assignment to Stover & Associates, Inc. will follow.

**II. Other document(s) or information included:**

11. An **International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210) mailed 21 March 2000** or Declaration under PCT Article 17(2)(a) is transmitted herewith.

12. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.97 and 1.98 is transmitted herewith.

Also transmitted herewith is/are Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B) and 3 copies of citations listed.

13. Additional documents:

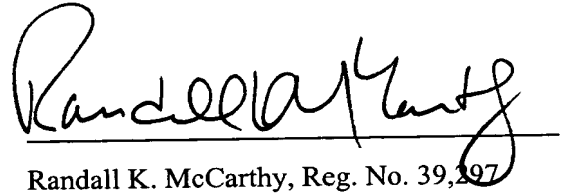
- a. Copy of request (PCT/RO/101)
- b. International Publication No. WO 00/21018  
Specification, claims and drawing
- c. Response to Invitation to Correct Defects in the International Application  
Mailed 01 November 1999, including formal drawings
- d. Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of Priority Documents  
Mailed 19 November 1999
- e. Demand filed 05 May 2000
- f. Written Opinion (PCT Rule 66) Mailed 14 March 2001

14. The above items are being transmitted before 30 months from any claimed priority date.

### AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees that may be required by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application to Account No.: 13-0110

- 37 C.F.R. Section 1.492(a)(1), (2), (3), and (4) (filing fees)
- 37 C.F.R. Section 1.492(b), (c), and (d) (presentation of extra claims)
- 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17 (application processing fees)
- 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(1)-(5) (extension fees pursuant to Section 1.136(a))



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